

## ACCUSED AUTO THIEF

## CHIEF IS ARRESTED

R. W. Pontius Admits Stealing 90 Cars; All High Priced Automobiles; Sold Them To the Rich

Tulsa, Dec. 19.—R. W. Pontius, branded by local authorities as the king-pin of auto thieves, was yesterday lodged in the county jail in default of three bonds of \$5,000 each, following arraignment before Justice J. H. Query on charges of auto larceny, receiving stolen property and obtaining money under false pretenses. All of the charges are the result of Pontius' alleged activities locally in disposing of stolen cars to unsuspecting buyers.

Other charges will probably be filed against Pontius next week, according to G. L. Collins, head of the police auto recovery department, who arrested Pontius Friday morning and who signed the three informations filed against him Saturday. The alleged auto thief admitted to police officers that he had disposed of at least 90 stolen cars in Tulsa but he refused to disclose the names of any of the buyers.

Evidence on his operations is being gathered as rapidly as possible, according to Collins, who thinks that when Pontius is brought to trial he will be faced with a score of accusers whom he defrauded by selling them stolen autos. In all instances found so far Pontius dealt only in high-priced cars. In all cases now before the officer, the alleged auto thief and stolen-car merchant disposed only of Cadillacs. He liked his victims on amounts varying from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and the unsuspecting buyers range from heads of banks to clerks.

Two charges of interstate transportation of stolen cars are pending against Pontius in the federal court at Muskogee. He was at liberty under \$4,000 bond pending trial on these charges when arrested Friday morning by Collins. Pontius was brought to Oklahoma by federal authorities after he had been arrested in California. He was in jail here last year but mysteriously escaped before he was prosecuted.

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## TAXATION

(With apologies to Denver Post) Tax the people, tax with care. To help the multi-millionaire. Tax the farmer, tax his fowl. Tax the dog and tax his howl. Tax his hen, and tax her egg. And let the bloomin' mudsill beg. Tax his pig, and tax his squeal. Tax his boots, run down at heel. Tax his horses, tax his lands. Tax the blisters on his hands. Tax his plow, and tax his clothes. Tax the rag that wipes his nose. Tax his house, and tax his bed. Tax the bald spot on his head. Tax the ox, and tax the ass. Tax his "Henry," tax the gas. Tax the road that he must pass. And make him travel o'er the grass.

Tax his cow, and tax the calf. Tax him if he dares to laugh. He is but a common man, so Tax the cuss, just all you can. Tax the labor, but be discreet. Tax him for walking on the street.

Tax his bread, and tax his meat. Tax the shoes clear off his feet. Tax the payroll, tax the sale. Tax all his hard-earned paper kale.

Tax his pipe, and tax his smoke. Teach him gov'ment is no joke. Tax their coffins, tax their shrouds. Tax their souls beyond the clouds. Tax all business, tax the shop. Tax their incomes, tax their stocks. Tax the living, tax the dead. Tax the unborn, before they're fed.

Tax the water, tax the air. Tax the sunlight, if you dare. Tax them all, and tax them well. Tax them to the gates of hell. But close your eyes, so you can't see. The coupon clipper go tax free.

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA

## DUMBELL DAN—By STANLEY Mac GOVERN



## PERCY AND FERDIE—Inherited Rank.



## STATE NEWS NOTES

Oklahoma City—Eight new courses in the religious education that is now being offered in the University of Oklahoma, will be added in the next semester. It was announced from the university today. With this addition it is stated that the religious department of the university will be on par with the best that is being offered in the institutions of the United States.

Wetzelka—At the last meeting of the Wetzelka chapter of the Eastern Star lodge officers were elected for ensuing year. Mrs. Emma Skinner was elected worthy patron; Mrs. A. J. Fox, worthy patron; Mrs. Margaret Skinner, associate mistress; Miss Osa Douglas, conductress; Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing, associate conductress; Mrs. Vesta Babcock, secretary and Mrs. Olive Woodward, treasurer.

Henryetta—Suit has been filed in the superior court by the local union No. 719, United Mine Workers of America, seeking a receivership for the Monarch Coal company with mines at Kusa. The plaintiffs allege that the defendant company is in debt to various miners in sums ranging from \$10 up to \$50; aggregating a total of \$470, and ask that a receiver be appointed to conduct the mine until these debts can be paid.

Oklahoma City—Wheat made a little growth during the past week, on account of the cold weather, but it is in good condition, according to the weekly crop resume issued today by the local weather bureau of the federal department of agriculture. Early planted wheat is being pastured quite generally. Native pastures, however, are very poor, though alfalfa fields are giving very good pasture.

Oklahoma City—On the grounds that the company sustained a loss of approximately \$14,000 last year, the corporation commission has granted the Panhandle Oil & Gas Co. an increase of rates pending for permanent rate increase. The company is authorized to charge 48 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas, pending final hearing December 27.

Collinsville—The Nazarene church recently organized here will start the erection of a church in the next few weeks. It will be located at Twelfth and Broadway and cost approximately \$1,500, being a wooden building. Reverend H. H. H. is the pastor. The meetings are now being held in a vacant business building.

Grove—In the office of the county agent on Saturday the Delaware County Poultry association held its annual meeting. There was a good attendance besides the addition of several new members. The most interesting feature of the meeting was the address of Dr. W. M. Moberly, of Sulphur Springs, Ark., employed by the Oklahoma A. & M. college of stillwater. Miss Ruby Jackson is secretary and treasurer of the association which meets each month.

Wetzelka—The Wetzelka Masonic lodge held its annual election of officers the first of the week. The following officers being elected: A. J. Fox, W. M.; H. W. Laws, S. W.; H. C. Skinner, J. W.; W. A. Fleming, secretary and F. E. Oliver, treasurer.

Oklahoma City—The corporation commission has issued an order requiring the Southwestern Bell Telephone company to install a modern battery telephone system at Tonkawa and authorizing the company, when this new system is in successful operation, to charge the following rates: For individual business telephones, \$3.50 per month; for individual residence telephones, \$1.75 per month; for 2-party residence telephones \$1.50 per month.

Ponca City—Dave Golob, a merchant of Slick, was convicted

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Yesterday on a charge of complicity in the robbery of the Calhoun store of Ponca City of \$7,000 merchandise and received a sentence of five years in the state penitentiary at McAlester. Two others, George (Whitey) Curtis, who pleaded guilty and Pete Collins, both of Miami, are now serving terms for the same robbery, and a fourth alleged member, George Spitz, a merchant of Bogart, is yet to be tried. Spitz and Golob asked for separate trials.

## "COLD IN THE HEAD"

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## YANKS AND LEGIONNAIRES

Since American occupation on the Rhine, the consumption of chocolate and cigarettes has become a habit with the Germans.

In Canada, a former service man is given 160 acres of land free, and the Government loans each man \$2,000 cash to equip his farm.

France has made 4,284,879 individual payments, aggregating 14,895,220,335 francs to inhabitants of the region devastated by the World War.

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The "West Virginia," the newest battleship of the American navy, upon completion will be 621 feet long, and will carry a crew of 1,600 officers and men.

It requires approximately \$1,000 to equip and to train a regular United States soldier for one year. The average for a National Guardsman is estimated as only \$275.

In England, more than 226,000 women have received pensions from the British Government because of husbands killed in the World War. Seventy-four thousand have remarried.

Eight soldiers attached to the French army on the Rhine were recently convicted of being German spies. All confessed to having operated within the French ranks since 1921.

HUNTING ACCIDENTS  
MAR GREAT SEASON

Drumright, Dec. 20.—Three hunting accidents have marred an otherwise great hunting season about this city. C. B. Stubblefield, business man, has returned from an Oklahoma City hospital, where he had removed a shot which threatened his eye, and which was received in a hunting accident last week. The first accident of the season occurred when a Drum-

right dentist, Dr. J. E. Lovell, mangled his hand badly when his gun accidentally discharged. Verne Winans, grocer, is nursing a left arm with six shot in it, from a gun discharged at twenty yards distance.

meeting of the association held here this week. Other officers elected were: Dr. J. C. Ambler, Chickasha, first vice president; Dr. R. R. Hume, Minco, second vice president; Dr. A. B. Leeds, Chickasha, secretary-treasurer; Dr. A. W. Nunnery, Chickasha, censor; and H. C. Antle, Chickasha, delegate to the State Medical Association.

WOMAN ELECTED BY THE  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Chickasha, Dec. 20.—Dr. Martha Bledsoe, Chickasha woman physician, was elected president of the Grady county medical association at a

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## Suppose You Were the Merchant

You would be alert at all times to offer for sale only the highest quality merchandise obtainable. You would be prompt in caring for your customers' needs.

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that they show their appreciation by paying their bills on time.

If you have unconsciously developed a habit of neglecting to pay your merchants when bills fall due, you are "breaking ground" for a poor rating in every merchant's books. It is just as easy to pay your bills on time. You will have more enjoyment from everything you buy when you know that you are playing fair.

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